



## Melanie Dawn Brizendine

November 22, 1969 - July 19, 2024

Melanie Dawn Brizendine, 54, of New Castle, Virginia joined her lord and savior on Friday, July 19, 2024. She was born on November 22, 1969, to Victoria Jones LaPrad and Ephram David LaPrad. Melanie was a faithful member of Grace Assembly of God, serving faithfully for over 20 years. Melanie was highly respected for her teaching and involvement within the youth ministry. Melanie was employed with Anthem for 25 years, before that she worked 10 years with the New Castle Sewing Plant.

She was preceded in death by her mother Victoria Jones Francisco; brother Travis LaPrad; grandparents Fred and Noline Jones, Ephram and Mary Ellen LaPrad. She will be sadly missed by her husband Mick Brizendine, children Olivia LaPrad, Jesse Brizendine and daughter-in-law Danielle Brizendine, and Matthew Brizendine and daughter-in-law Jessica, and “Mel Mel’s” special granddaughter Harley. Also left to treasure her memories are sister Angel Hedge and husband Chuck, brother Wiley Francisco, and step-sister Teanna Hutton and husband Joey, sister in law Rachelle LaPrad; nieces and nephews Cole Hedge, Grace Hedge, Noah LaPrad, Trevyn Francisco, Tyra Hutton, Jayla Hutton; Father David LaPrad, Father in law and Mother in law Lloyd and Carole Brizendine. She was a cherished member of her church community and leaves behind countless friends who were impacted by her faith and unending love.

A funeral service to honor her memory will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, July 22, 2024, at the Grace Assembly of God 5530 Catawba Valley Dr, Catawba, Virginia 24070, with Pastor Loraine Taylor officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM. The burial will be held privately with her family at the Francisco Family Cemetery in Catawba. The Pallbearers are Noah LaPrad, Cole Hedge, Trevyn Francisco, Garret Patsel, Hunter Brizendine, and Malichi Patsel.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to Grace Assembly Youth Ministry. McCoy Funeral Home of Blacksburg is serving the Brizendine family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **22.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Grace Assembly of God  
5530 Catawba Valley Drive  
Catawba, VA 24070

## Funeral

JUL **22.** 2:00 PM (ET)

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Catawba, VA 24070

# Tribute Wall

J-

“ I went to high school with Melanie, remember when she comes as pregnant with BOTH her babies .. attended her and Mick's wedding and she and our husbands spent many vacations ( small weekend get aways and deep fishing bigger ones) Her voice was beautiful and she never met a stranger.. she rarely was negative and wouldn't allow you to be.. if you had Mek as a friend, you had friend for life and one that was always gonna have your back, dry your tears, listen to your heart and support your dreams... You hit the jackpot if she called you friend.. she was just that amazing.. she will be missed immensely.... praying for her family... Who the impact of losing her must be heavy .. let us, her friends help you in any way we can.. she showed us how in every thing she did... She always had us.... We, her friends now have you, the family... Only a phone call away, and in all our prayers.....

Johanna (Jo) Dickinson -Rieley - July 23, 2024 at 02:13 AM

WH

“ Wanda & Richard Hutchison lit a candle in memory of Melanie Dawn Brizendine



Wanda & Richard Hutchison - July 21, 2024 at 10:25 PM

LP

“ Our deepest condolences to the family of Melanie! She'll be greatly missed but never forgotten!! A true saint of God!! With much love, Buddy and Li da Palette. ❤️

Linda Palette - July 21, 2024 at 10:02 PM

LE

“ Leslie Epperson lit a candle in memory of  
Melanie Dawn Brizendine



Leslie Epperson - July 21, 2024 at 03:32 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Melanie Dawn Brizendine.



July 21, 2024 at 12:20 PM

PF

“ Prayers! From Your Rockfab Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in  
honor of Melanie Dawn Brizendine.

Prayers! From Your Rockfab Family - July 21, 2024 at 12:20 PM

PW

“ I worked with Melanie for almost 10 years at the sewing plant in  
New Castle- we had such wonderful times together- I am so sorry to  
hear she passed away and will be praying for her family...

Patricia Allen of WV - July 21, 2024 at 07:38 AM

MD

“ *Home Finally Home,Running the streets of Glory! Melaine you are a true inspiration of a Faithful Servent.And you will be missed.I Always looked forward to hear you sing on Sunday mornings.( Beautiful) You have left a impact on so many children and Adults.Going to miss you Mel.Love you .See ya one day.*

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**Mary Smith Doyon** - July 20, 2024 at 09:52 PM

RM

“ *We had some good times at Camp Mitchell. You are definitely one of a kind, so greatly missed and loved.*

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**RACHEL MUSE** - July 20, 2024 at 09:24 PM

MS

“ *Mark Kandi Shires lit a candle in memory of Melanie Dawn Brizendine*



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**Mark Kandi Shires** - July 20, 2024 at 07:08 PM

KO

“ *Melanie was a precious loving, caring Christian lady. Cancer free, having an awesome celebration in heaven with family and friends!! She has transferred her ministry to her family members to continue the faith and word to others!! Praying for peace, comfort and strength!! Hugs and love Kathy Hodson and family.*

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**Kathy Hodson. Danielle Aunt from Okla.** - July 20, 2024 at 06:53 PM

ZC

“ *She had the most beautiful voice.  
The Best singer of Briz’s.  
Sweet, Beautiful Soul Fly High and Free. Hug  
your mamma for us* 💜



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**Zenda Collins** - July 20, 2024 at 06:53 PM

MJ

“ *Mark Jones lit a candle in memory of Melanie  
Dawn Brizendine*



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**Mark Jones** - July 20, 2024 at 06:38 PM